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Case Docket No. JOHNA.062A
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Applicant(s) : Hui, et al.
Appl. No. : 09/904,667
Filed : July 13, 2001
For : SURFACE TREATMENT OF
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IMPROVE STERILIZATION
PROCESS COMPATIBILITY
Examiner : Unknown
Group Art Unit : 1772

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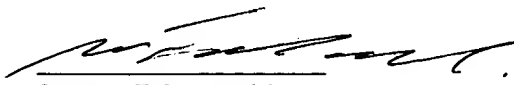
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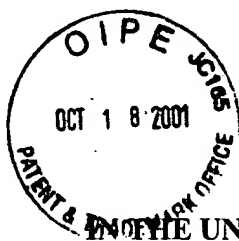
Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with thirty-two (32) references.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing thirty-two (32) references that are also enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application, and no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(4). However, if any fee is required the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account number 11-1410 for the correct amount.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: Oct. 10, 2001

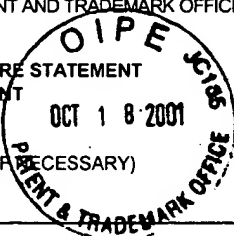
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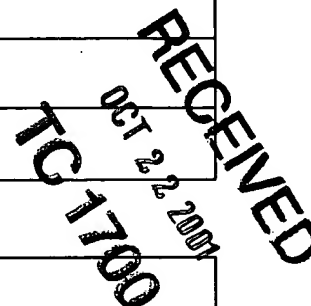
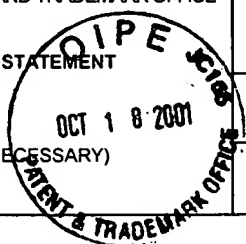
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	1.	3,937,571	02/10/76	Krulik, et al.			
	2.	3,940,270	02/24/76	Krulik, et al.			
	3.	3,961,111	06/01/76	Smith, deceased			
	4.	4,023,899	05/17/77	Hayashi, et al.			
	5.	4,180,443	12/25/79	Darrow			
	6.	4,201,821	05/06/80	Fromson, et al.			
	7.	4,230,492	10/28/80	Thomas			
	8.	4,256,547	03/17/81	Turns, et al.			
	9.	4,288,299	09/08/81	Carter			
	10.	4,310,390	01/12/82	Bradley, et al.			
	11.	4,413,049	11/01/83	Beaudet, et al.			
	12.	4,431,707	02/14/84	Burns, et al.			
	13.	4,489,002	12/18/84	Baumann, et al.			
	14.	4,525,247	06/25/85	McMonagle			
	15.	4,532,065	07/30/85	Cohen, et al.			
	16.	4,580,713	04/08/86	Sekibata, et al.			
	17.	4,633,035	12/30/86	McMonagle			
	18.	4,681,655	07/21/87	Potter			
	19.	4,731,317	03/15/88	Fromson, et al.			
	20.	4,795,777	01/03/89	Higginbotham, et al.			
	21.	4,925,738	05/15/90	Tsuya, et al.			
	22.	4,958,511	09/25/90	Marcus			
	23.	5,091,287	02/25/92	Dustin			
	24.	5,166,020	11/24/92	Fukuda, et al.			
	25.	5,658,529	08/19/97	Feldman, et al.			
	26.	5,705,225	01/06/98	Dornfest, et al.			
	27.	6,027,851	02/22/00	Coppens, et al.			

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	28. "Anodic Coatings for Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys", Anodic, Inc., MIL-A8625F, (September 10, 1993).
	29. "Anodic Coatings for Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys", Anodic, Inc., MIL-A8625E, (April 25, 1988).
	30. "CGX Series, Operating and Service Instructions", CMI-Coating Measurement Instruments, pages 1-25, (1998).
	31. Wemick, S., et al., "The Surface Treatment and Finishing of Aluminum and it Alloys", Finishing Publications, Ltd., 5 th Edition, Vol. 1, pages 288-295 (1987).
	32. Wemick, S., et al., "The Surface Treatment and Finishing of Aluminum and it Alloys", Finishing Publications, Ltd., 5 th Edition, Vol. 2, pages 860-885 (1987).

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